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James R. Spencer

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Clark Atlanta 1971 BA; Harvard 1974 JD; Howard U 1985 MDiv
Began Service: 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Virginia (1987)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Department of Justice, Eastern District of Virginia (1978); Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice (1983)

Legal Practice: Staff Attorney, Atlanta Legal Aid Society (1974-1975)

Military Service: United States Army (1975-1978); United States Army Reserve (1981-1986)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar; National Bar Association; Old Dominion Bar Association; Richmond Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia; Virginia State Bar; Washington Bar Association

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Claude M. Hilton

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Ohio State 1963 BS; American U 1966 JD
Began Service: 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Government: Deputy Clerk of Courts (1964-1966); Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, Commonwealth of Virginia (1967-1968); Commonwealth Attorney, Commonwealth of Virginia; Member, Arlington County Planning Commission (1975-1978); Member, Arlington County Police Trial Board (1980); Chairman, Arlington County School Board (1984)

Judicial: Commissioner in Chancery, Circuit Court of Arlington County (1976-1985); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1967-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Arlington County Bar Association; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Virginia State Bar Association; Virginia Trial Lawyers Association

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T. S. Ellis III

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Princeton 1961 BSE; Harvard 1969 JD
Began Service: 1987
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Lecturer in Law, The College of William and Mary (1981-1983); Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University (1989-1990); Lecturer, Public Policy Program, Georgetown University Law School (1991-1992)

Legal Practice: Partner, Hunton and Williams (1969-1987)

Military Service: United States Navy (1961-1966)

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Rebecca Beach Smith

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: William & Mary 1971 BA; Virginia 1973 MA;
William & Mary 1979 JD
Began Service: 1989
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (1985-1989)

Legal Practice: Willcox & Savage (1980-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference; Supreme Court Historical Society; Virginia State Bar Association

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Robert E. Payne

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Washington & Lee 1963 BA, 1967 LLB
Began Service: May 28, 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Legal Practice: McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe (1971-1992)

Military Service: United States Army (1967-1971)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Richmond Bar Association; Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys; Virginia Bar Association; Virginia State Bar Association

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Leonie M. Brinkema

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Rutgers 1966 BA, 1970 MLS; Cornell 1976 JD
Began Service: October 21, 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice (1977-1983); Trial Attorney, Office of International Affairs, Department of Justice (1983-1984)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (1985-1993)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1984-1985)

Current Memberships: Alexandria Bar Association; Virginia State Bar; Virginia Women Attorneys Association

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Raymond A. Jackson

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Norfolk State 1970 BA; Virginia 1973 JD
Began Service: 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Faculty, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary (1984-1993)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice (1977-1993)

Legal Practice: Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corp United States Army (1973-1977)

Military Service: United States Army (1973-1977); Colonel, United States Army Reserve

Current Memberships: American Inn of Court, I'Anson Hoffman Chapter; Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System; Judicial Conference for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association; Old Dominion Bar Association; South Hampton Roads Bar Association; United States District Judges Association; Virginia Law Foundation Fellow; Virginia State Bar

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Jerome B. Friedman

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Old Dominion 1965 BS; Wake Forest 1969 JD
Began Service: November 25, 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Corporate: Assistant Trust Officer, First Union National Bank (1969-1970)

Judicial: Judge, Virginia Beach Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court (1985-1991); Judge, Virginia Beach Circuit Court (1991-1997)

Legal Practice: Associate, Steingold & Steingold (1970-1971); Associate, Shapero, Levine & Abraham (1971); Associate, Shapero & Levine (1971); Partner, Shapero, Levine & Friedman (1972-1974); Partner, Levine & Friedman (1974-1982); Partner, Pender & Coward (1983-1985)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Virginia Bar Association; Virginia State Bar

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